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TOPIC General Military Information

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Loadings and unloadings observed at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station on 19 and 22 August 1953 included:

Between 8:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on 19 August. Ammunition was loaded on 1 boxcar; about 280 troops on 9 converted boxcars; 11 prime movers 2 x 152-mm howitzers, and 3 gun barrel trailers and 3 gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers on 13 SSy-type flatcars; and 13 trucks, 3 trailers for prime mover, 1 jeep and 1 field kitchen were loaded on 11 flatcars with sideracks, and left toward Altengrabow

At 8:15 a.m. on 22 August. Twelve prime movers, 3 gun barrel trailers and 3 gun motor carriages of 203-mm howitzers; 3 x 152-mm howitzers, 3 trailers for prime movers, 2 jeeps, 12 trucks, 1 field kitchen and about 350 troops were unloaded from 10 converted boxcars, 2 RHy-type flatcars, 12 SSy-type flatcars and 10 flatcars with sideracks, which had arrived from the direction of Altengrabow

2. On 15 August, 4 SP guns and 4 T-34 tanks passed through Templin, proceeding toward Camp Cannenburg. On 16 August, 8 SP guns and motor vehicles, were entrained at the Templin railroad station. On 21 August, about 50 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and came from Camp Cannenburg, boarded the regular train, leaving Templin toward Eberswalde. Reports of artillery pieces and AT guns were heard from the training area on the same day.

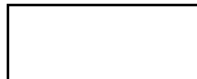
3. At about 6:15 a.m. on 15 August, 16 trucks, were seen en route toward Krospelein.

1. Comment. Train which carried elements of the 124th Hv Sov Arty Brig (US) from Brandenburg to Altengrabow, was previously reported. On 22 August, these elements returned to the post on train which was reported for the first time. The units of the brigade were rotated to the Altengrabow troop training grounds for firing

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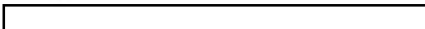
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practices during the periods mentioned: from 25 to 29 July, 1 to 6 August, 12 to 16 August and 19 to 22 August.

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